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> PATENT 0020-4621P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Koji Matsumoto ét al.

Appl. No.:

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

June 21, 2002

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated December 21, 2001 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-7.

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The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of () month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

- $\underline{\rm NO}$ extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Final Rejection. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required for the <u>full period</u> of the above-requested extension of time.
- \boxtimes An extension of three (3) month(s) for responding to the Final Rejection was previously requested and paid for on June 20, 2002. Thus, no additional extension fee is

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The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

- □ Large entity \$320.00
- ☐ Small Entity \$160.00

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Therefore, the TOTAL FEE due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$320.00.

Payment of the above TOTAL FEE is being made in the following manner:

- Check in the amount of \$320.00 is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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